called interglacial periods. This is part of the normal climate variation cycle. The effects of Greenhouse warming, if any. shall be superimposed on such natural variations. Due to such complexities it is difficult to make clear attribution of the observed recession of Himalayan glaciers to global warming.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up of food parks in Uttarakhand

†745. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of food parks in Uttrakhand during 2007-08;

(b) if so, whether the locations have been earmarked for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps Government propose to do away with the delays in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Ministry of Food Processing Industries, has been providing financial assistance for setting up of Food Park under its Plan scheme @ 25% of project cost in general areas and 33.33% of project cost in difficult areas, subject to maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore for creation of common facilities such as power supply, water supply, cold storage, warehousing facilities, effluent treatment plant, food testing analytical laboratories, common processing facilities etc. The Ministry does not set up food parks on its own. Ministry had received a proposal for setting up of Food Park in District-Haridwar, Uttarakhand which has been examined and deficient information/documents have been sought from the applicant for further action.

Monitoring on meat and meat products

746. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government for overseeing or monitoring the meat and meat products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is also a proposal to set up the National Meat Board;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Board would oversee the growth and promote meat and poultry sector in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) For overseeing or monitoring the quality control on meat and meat products, the Central Government under this Ministry is implementing Meat Food Products Order, 1973 which is promulgated under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 to regulate the manufacture and sale of hygienic and wholesome meat food products in the country.

(c) to (f) In order to promote meat and poultry sector in the country, the Ministry proposes to set up a National Meat and Poultry Processing Board for promoting establishment of integrated meat processing plants for meat/dressed chicken production. The Board will work for the furtherance of Government policy to promote exports & domestic sale of better quality meat/poultry meat products with specific emphasis to improve, the sanitary and hygienic conditions for production of meat/ poultry meat products in the country.

Indo-France joint panel for food processing sector

†747. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indo-France joint panel has been formed for the cooperation in the food processing sector;

(b) if so, whether the technology for agro products to be included under the food processing, would also be transferred; and

(c) the food stuffs which would be covered under the food processing sector between Indian and France?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) A sub-committee for food processing within the framework of Joint Working Group on agriculture is envisaged for closer interaction for bilateral cooperation between India and France, No joint panel between India and France has been set-up for the cooperation in the food processing sector. The sub-committee will facilitate cooperation for technology collaboration on cold chain, specifically of controlled atmosphere technology and other areas like Mega Food Park, milk products, dairying equipments, retail sector, beverages industries, Grape Wine Sector including technical know-how to improve quality and standardization of domestically produced wine, technology for grape cultivation and processing, market access for Indian wine and human resource development in wine sector would be the main area of cooperation.

Public sector food processing industry for Nagpur

748. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nagpur is the biggest producer of good quality oranges and has great potential for food processing industry;

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